

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Martin Gimmestad, *et al.*

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Title: NEW MUTANT STRAINS OF PSEUDOMONAS FLUOROSCENS AND VARIANTS THEREOF, METHODS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION AND USES THEREOF IN ALGINATE PRODUCTION

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This reply and amendment is being filed in response to the outstanding Official Action dated November 24, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application. The period to respond is extended by petition and payment of the appropriate fee provided herewith. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and withdrawal of the pending rejections upon reconsideration.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2.

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